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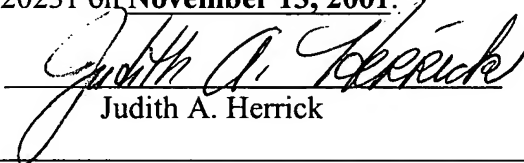
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FOR: MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY RECOGNIZING PHOSPHATIDYL-
INOSITOL-3,4,5-TRIPHOSPHATE

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application filed herewith as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-17 without prejudice and add the following new claims:

18. An immunoassay method comprising the steps of:

- (a) reacting a monoclonal antibody specifically recognizing Phosphatidylinositol-3,4,5-triphosphate, or a variable region thereof, with phosphatidylinositol-3,4,5-3,4,5-triphosphate present in a sample; and
- (b) detecting the binding based on an immunological reaction between said antibody, or said variable region thereof, and said triphosphate; wherein,

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